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HOUSE ORGANS OF PEOPLE-OWNED ENTERPRISES IN THE GDR (22 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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This document consists of the following 3 pamphlets:

1. Aufwaerts (Upward), a 10-page monthly plant publication for the workers of the Friedrich Engels people-owned artificial silk mills in Premnitz, published by the SED factory organization [cell?]/as No 3, 8 March 1952. The front page carries an article on International Women's Day, 8 March, illustrated with photographs of Eugenie Cotton (France), Nina Popova (USSR), and Dolores Ibarruri (Spain), leaders of the International Democratic Women's Federation (IDFF). The issue also contains a poem by the well-known Bert Brecht, entitled The IDFF's Fight for Peace; a women's column which reeks of peace propaganda; an appeal for voluntary labor in connection with the construction of much-needed housing facilities; a book review of the novel "Director Anna", by Antonina Kopyayeva; a discussion of the DEFA film Das Verurteilte Dorf (The Condemned Village); approx. a page on "Culture in the USSR"; a page for apprentices; and a column of [registered/suggestions for improvements. The last page is devoted to sports.
2. Werft (Shipyard) Echo, 8 pp; the shop publication of the Ernst Thaelmann People-Owned Shipyards, Brandenburg/Havel, dated 6 March 1952, marked No 4, periodicity not indicated, published by the Publishing Commission of the SED Plant Organization. Page 1 carries a) an article headed Our Press - The Party's Sharpest Weapon, a propaganda blurb in which Brandenburg's trade union members are urged to subscribe to and read attentively Maerkische Volksstimme (People's Voice of Mark Brandenburg)/the daily SED news organ for Land Brandenburg/, and announcing an intensive subscription campaign from 1-31 March 1952; and b) an article headed Increase of Labor Productivity At Our Shipyard, which gives statistics (percentagewise) on increases in the labor productivity of the shipyard's various shops during January 1952. Articles which appear on other pages of the publication deal with printed forms to be used in the calculation of TAN (Technical Labor Norms), for the purpose of increasing labor productivity; the reconstruction of Berlin and prerequisites for participation in a lottery for the benefit of such reconstruction; a pseudo-politico-economic article on The Principle of Profitability. Propaganda against the re-arming of West Germany is expressed in "Correspondence with West Germany" and "Letter to Our Shipyard's Peace Committee, which appear on a page which bears the slogan "We Germans Ourselves Shall Decide The Future Of Our Country". Considerable space is devoted to various expressions of self-criticism, and to announcements in connection with cultural activities. Vocational training is discussed in a column headed Our Plant School. The pamphlet is heavily spiked throughout with well-known Communist propaganda slogans.
3. Werft Echo, 4 pp., dated 8 March, special issue, as above. About 35% of the pamphlet is devoted to International Women's Day. The front page carries an Appeal to Women and Mothers to fight for the preservation of peace. Elsewhere a list of female trade union workers is given, and together with details pertaining to their training for and advancement to function of increased responsibility, through the efforts of the BGL (Factory Trade Union Administration). Other articles deal with the significance of the 100,000-Km-Movement, and with the lecture by Dr Klaus Zweiling on Large-Scale Public Works Projects in the USSR. Under the heading Achtung! Generalkriegsvertrag! (Look Out! Agreement On All-Out War!) the last page carries a rabid Communist propaganda blurb on the proposed West German Peace Treaty, and a scathing condemnation of West German trade union leaders, who are "betraying the German workers."

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DECREE ON SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN THE MANSFELD COPPER MINE AND ON THE INTRODUCTION OF  
STANDARDIZED FORMS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL MISSIONS (3pp; German [REDACTED])

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This document consists of a [REDACTED] copy of the (printed) Ministerialblatt  
der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik (Ministerial Gazette of the GDR) No 5, Berlin,  
7 February 1952, which contains

- a) Decree of 4 February 1952, pertaining to the introduction of more stringent safety measures at the copper-shale mines of the Mansfeld Combine, following an explosion there on 31 January 1952. The decree, which became effective upon promulgation, is signed by Fritz Selbmann, Minister for Metallurgy and Mining.
- b) Decree of 4 February 1952, pertaining to the introduction of standard forms to be used for the assignment of official missions.

Every employee of the GDR Administration and its subordinate organizations, on Federal, Land, Kreis, and Community level, with the exception of Ministers, State Secretaries, directors of independent offices, division chiefs, Landraete, and Oberbuergermeister, who performs functions not provided for in his or her Dienstaussweis (legitimation of service) shall be required to be in possession of a Dienstauftrag (assignment to service mission).

Only key officials on the various administrative levels shall be entitled to sign these official assignment documents, to which the official seal must be affixed. The documents shall be valid for only one specific assignment, although in the case of persons on constant field duty the validity of the document may be fixed for periods of up to one month. The Dienstauftrag may only be presented to officials of the administrative offices designated thereon; upon request, it must also be shown to representatives of the State Control Offices.

Confidential records will be kept on all official assignment documents issued.

This decree, which went into effect 1 April 1952, is signed by Dr Steinhoff, Minister for Internal Affairs.

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